

SR 641 Terre Haute Bypass Phase III & IV
Thursday, April 15, 2010
5:00pm Open House
6:00pm Formal Presentation
Terre Haute South Vigo High School
Terre Haute, Indiana

#### WELCOME

- Public Hearing will consist of a formal presentation
- Public Comment Session
- Informal Q & A in project display area with project engineers and INDOT project officials



# **Public Hearings Process**

- Hearing and comment process
- Presentation of proposed project
  - Project description (preferred alternative)
  - Right-of-way (land) impacts
  - Anticipated project schedule and costs
  - Environmental impacts
  - Preliminary design
- Publicly recorded statements



#### How to Submit a Public Comment

- Verbally to audio recorder
- Comment sheet in information packet
- Mail comments to INDOT
- Formal public statement
- Comment deadline Monday, May 3, 2010
- Comments will be reviewed, evaluated & addressed in subsequent project documentation



# Legal Notice of Public Hearing

- Public Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in the Terre Haute Tribune-Star on 3/22/10 & 3/29/10 & 4/5/10
- Copies of the public notices were mailed to all known property owners on mailing list
- Announcement of public hearing posted to INDOT website; INDOT Media Release



# SR 641 Public Hearing

- Conducted as a requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Requires INDOT to analyze environmental impacts of this proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
- Impacts are described in environmental document
- Environmental document was released for public involvement by INDOT on 2/11/10



#### **Environmental Document**

- Viewing Locations:
  - Indiana Department of Transportation
     Indiana Government Center North, Room N642
     100 North Senate Avenue, Public Hearings Office
     Indianapolis, IN 46204; (317) 232-6601
  - Indiana Department of Transportation Crawfordsville
     District Office

Planning & Production Department; 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, Phone# (765) 362-3700



#### **Environmental Document**

- Vigo County Public Library, One Library Square, Terre Haute, Indiana 47807, Phone (812) 232-1113
- Or visit the SR 641 Project webpage via the INDOT website at <a href="www.in.gov/dot">www.in.gov/dot</a> and select the Major Moves Projects Map and click on project area



# SR 641 Public Hearing

- Introduction of INDOT Project Team
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- Beam Longest & Neff
- Hanson Inc.
- Recognition of Elected Public Officials



#### **INDOT** Resource Information

- INDOT Crawfordsville District Office, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville, IN 47933; Phone# (765) 362-3700
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- Between 1996 2000 an Environmental Impact Statement was processed
- Final Environmental Impact Statement issued in January 2000; identified Line CX as selected alternative
- On March 14, 2000, Record of Decision that Line CX was the Selected Alternative
- Between 2000 & 2004 Selected Corridor Underwent Normal Design & R/W Process
- Construction of Selected Alternative (4 phases)



- Coordination with Permitting Agencies
   Regarding Phases III and IV necessitated a
   Re-Evaluation of the Environmental Analysis
- Applied to only Phases III & IV
- Re-Evaluation between Line C and Line CX



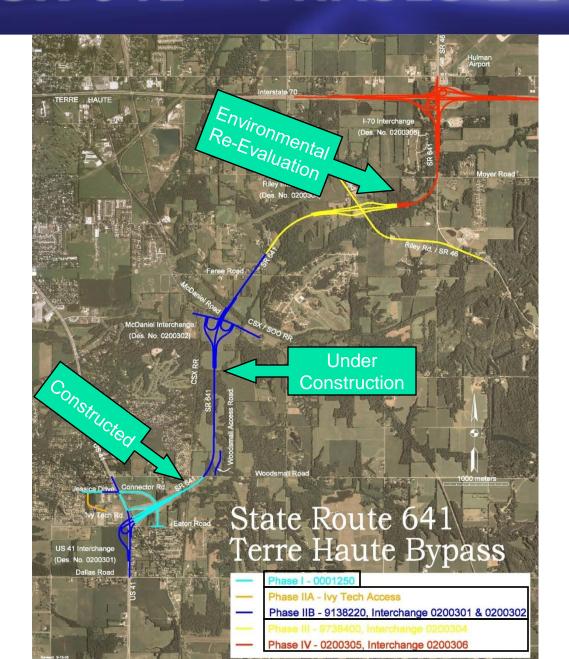
- In 2005, Federal Highway Administration decided the Re-Evaluation was to be addressed in an individual Environmental Assessment
- Re-Evaluation identified Line C as having potentially fewer impacts to the Natural Environment



- September 2006, Informational Meeting with Lexington Farms
- December 2006, Meeting with Permitting Agencies to Present Preliminary Impacts Analysis on Line C vs. Line CX
- Requested Exploration of an Alternative South of Line CX
- A Southern Alternative is Developed
- Draft Environmental Assessment submitted in March 2007



#### SR 641 - PHASES I-IV





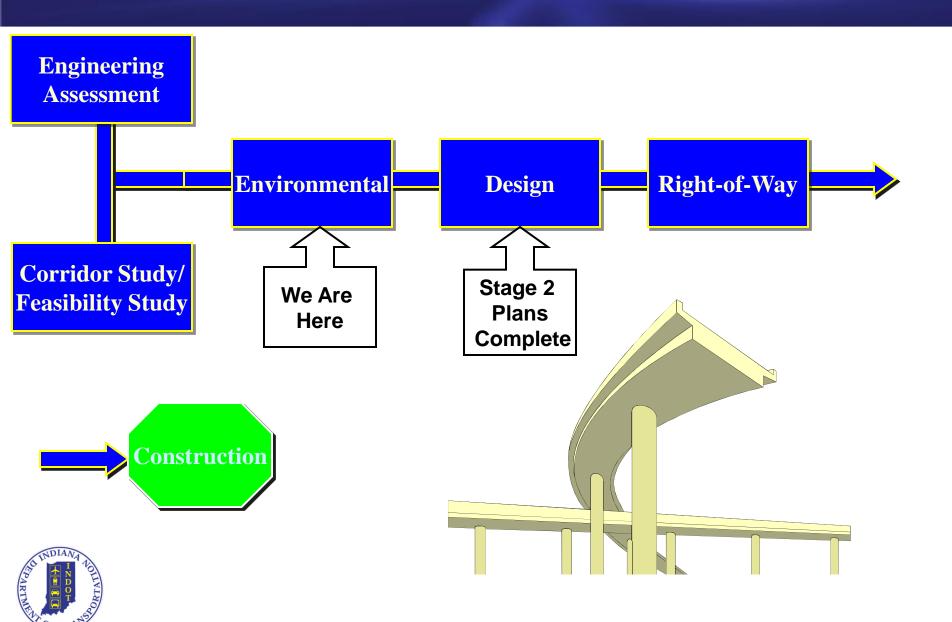
# Purpose and Need

- System Continuity Completion of Bypass around Southern Terre Haute linking US 41 to I-70
- Conformity with FEIS and ROD
- Divert Traffic reducing congestion along the nine mile stretch of US 41 extending from the SR 641 (Phase I) to I-70 at SR 46
- Provide improved access to & between commercial and transportation hubs
- Improve conditions along US 41 for users accessing congested commercial areas





#### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



#### Components of the Environmental Assessment

Environmental Assessment will analyze and Document the effects of the Project to:

Relocations Wetlands & Waterways

Air Quality Floodplains

Noise Endangered Species

Water Quality Wildlife

Socioeconomics Historic & Archaeological

Land Use Hazardous Waste

**Farmland** 



#### Intent of the Re-Evaluation

- To Address Changes in Phases III & IV that have occurred since the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement in 2000.
- Complete an Evaluation of New Alternatives that Satisfy the Purpose and Need of the project in Accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Identify and Advance a Preferred Alternative (E3b) Through the Design Phase.



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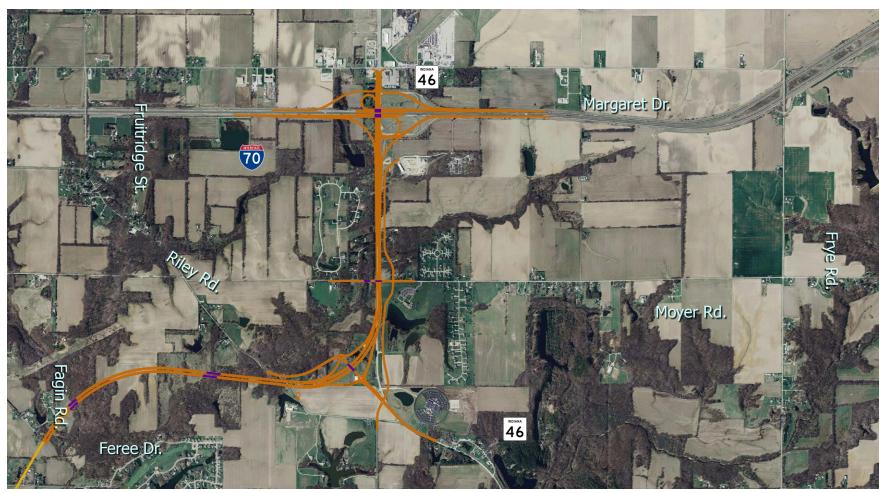
- Draft Environmental Assessment released for Public involvement on February 11, 2010.
- Project is entering Stage 3 Plan Development.

Phase III – Near Albany Road to Moyer Road – Hanson Professional Services.

Phase IV – Moyer Road to Margaret Avenue – Beam, Longest & Neff.



### PREFERRED – ALTERNATIVE E3b





#### Alternative E3b / High Level of Local Support

- Phases III & IV have a construction budget of \$74 million (2012).
- Alternative E3b has modest impacts to Access and Travel Patterns.
- Alternative E3b has a Community Benefit
- Alternative E3b has support by various Local representative groups, Community Advisory Committee meetings and Public Information Meetings.



# **Environmental Impacts**

- Alternative E3b:
  - Wetlands 16.8 Acres
  - Floodplains 35.1 Acres
  - Stream Crossings 16
  - Length of Stream Impact 9,619 Feet
  - Displacements 16 Residential
    - 2 Commercial

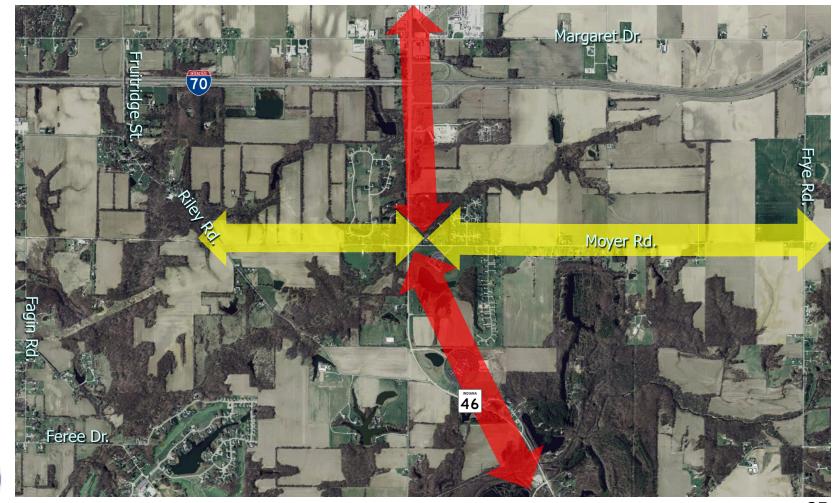


# **Environmental Impacts**

- Noise Analysis completed for Phases III & IV.
- Of the 36 receivers evaluated within 500 feet of the proposed roadway, there are 10 receivers predicted to experience noise impacts in the design year 2030.
- For the impacted receivers, five (5) proposed noise barriers were evaluated along the project alignment. Noise abatement is not feasible or reasonable due to noise reductions not meeting 7 dBA for a majority of receivers and barrier costs exceed \$30,000 per benefitted receiver.

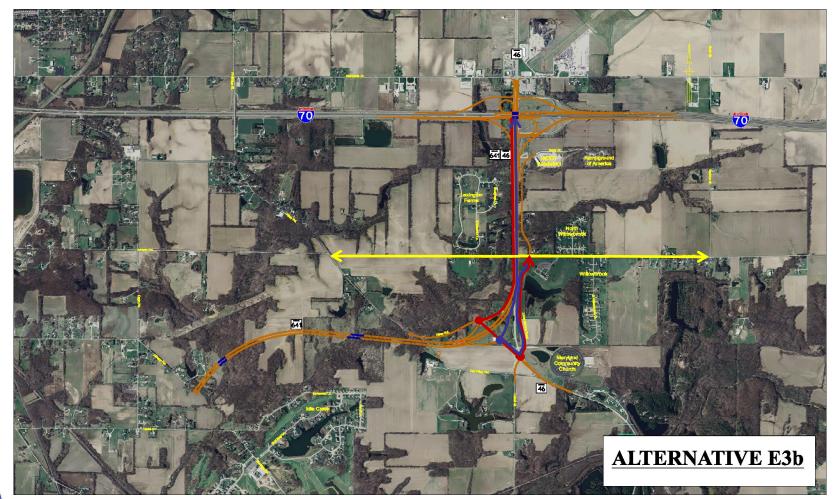


#### LOCAL ACCESS & TRAFFIC FLOW - EXISTING:





#### LOCAL ACCESS & TRAFFIC FLOW – ALTERNATIVE E3b:





#### Maintenance of Traffic – Phase III

- The majority of Phase III will be constructed without interruption to traffic flow or changes to established traffic patterns
- Phased construction and use of temporary pavement will be utilized to maintain traffic and access to adjoining properties.
- Riley Road traffic will be maintained on the existing roadway until the relocated Riley Road is completed and the interchange bridge over proposed SR 641 is complete.

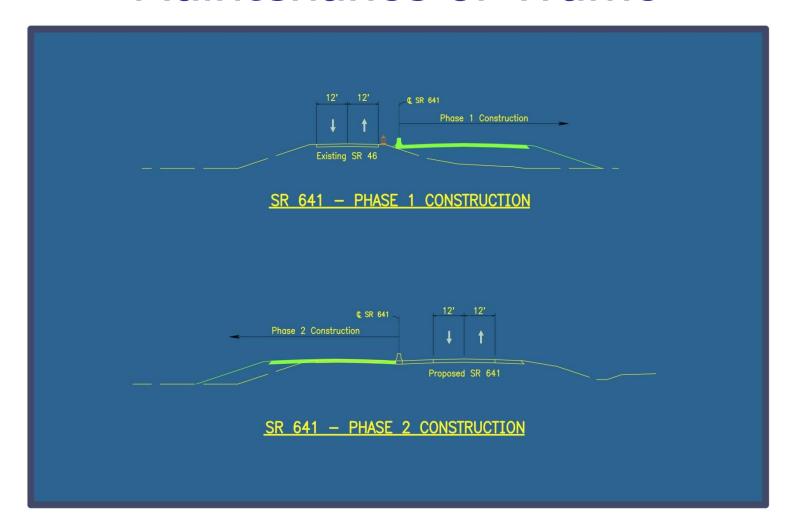


#### Maintenance of Traffic—Phase IV

- Traffic will be maintained along SR 46 & I-70 at all times during construction.
- I-70 will require temporary crossovers to complete work. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction of I-70 during construction.
- Phase construction and the use of temporary ramps will be utilized to maintain all existing interchange ramp movements at I-70/SR 46.

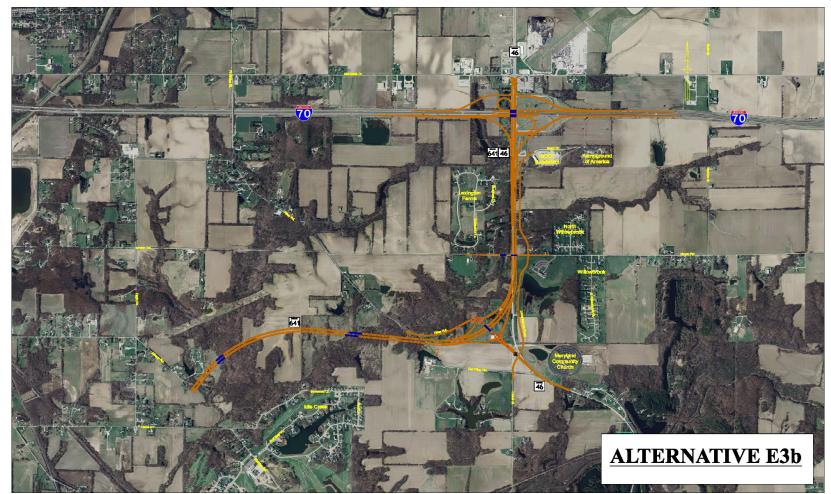


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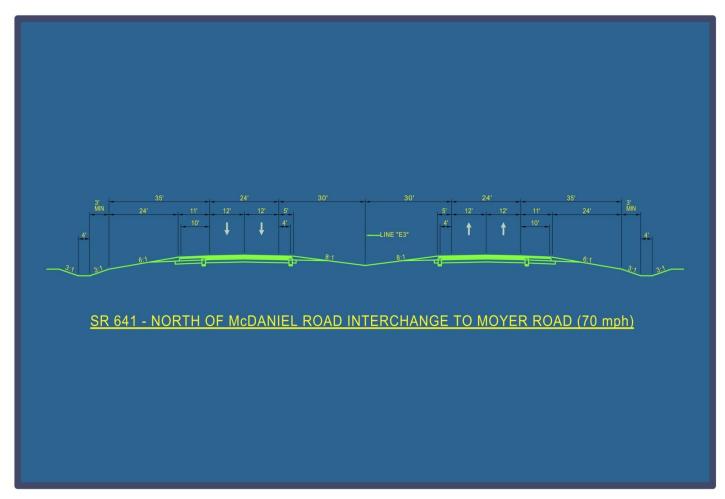


#### ALTERNATIVE E3b: PROJECT OVERVIEW



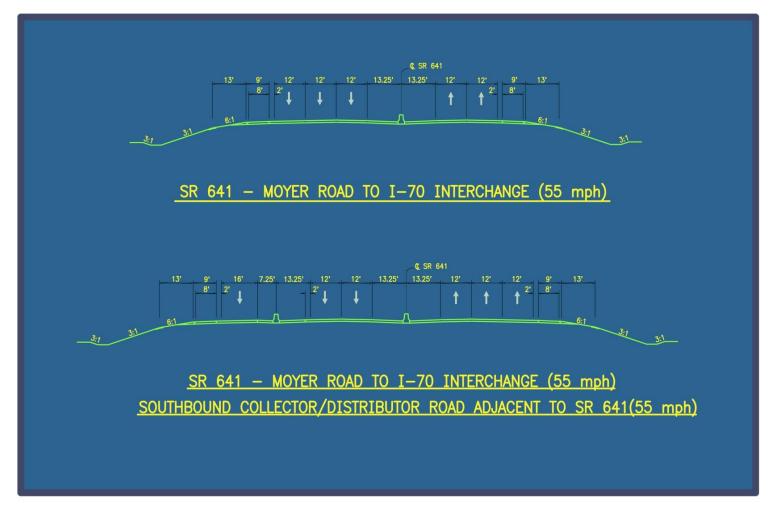


### Proposed Typical Cross Section Phase III



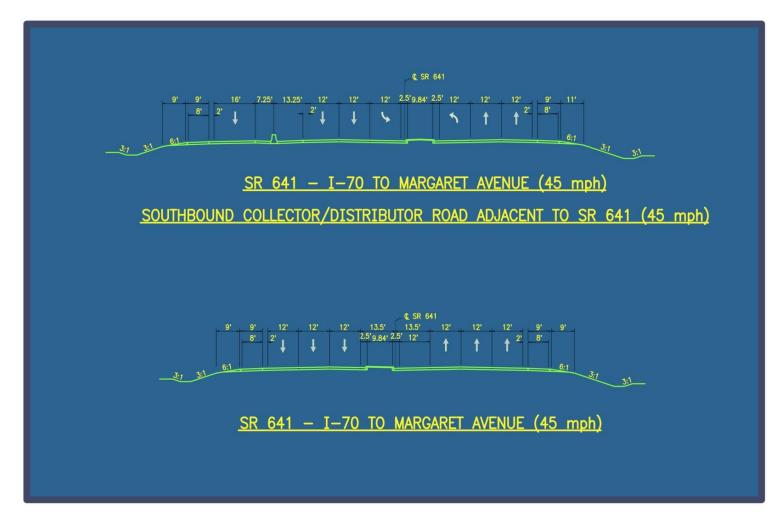


### Proposed Typical Cross Section Phase IV



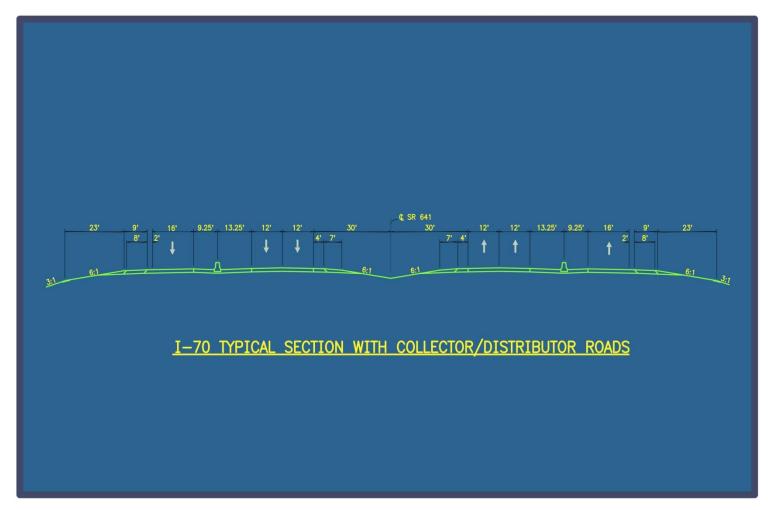


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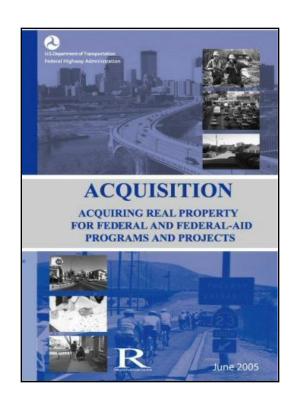
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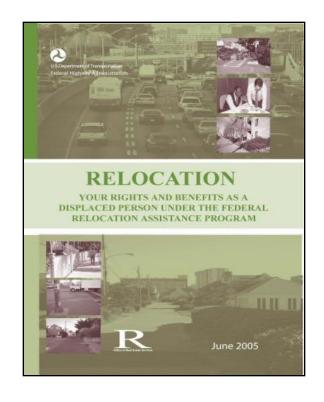




- Relocation Assistance Program
  - Explains the process of relocation
  - 18 relocations/displacements will need to be required for this project (based on current estimates)
- How Land Is Purchased
  - Explains the process of buying property needed for highway improvements
  - Approximately 190 acres of R/W will be needed









- "Uniform Act" of 1970
  - All federal, state, and local governments must comply
  - Requires just compensation
- Acquisition Process
  - Appraisals
  - Review Appraisals
  - Negotiations



- Amount of compensation cannot be less than fair market value
- Partial Acquisition
  - INDOT will state amount to be paid for acquisition
  - Separate amount will be stated for damages to the portion retained by the property owner
  - If remainder has little or no value, INDOT will consider purchasing remainder



- Agreement
  - When agreement is reached, owner will be asked to sign an option to buy, purchase agreement, easement, or deed
- No Agreement
  - Mediation
  - Condemnation



# **Project Schedule**

- Public Hearing: 4-15-2010
- Completion of Environment Document Summer 2010
- Design Phase Spring & Summer 2010
- Real Estate Acquisition Phase begins 2010
- Construction tentatively scheduled to begin in 2012
- Two year construction season is anticipated
- Estimated project cost is \$74 million (2012)



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